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SUBJ: LOCAL REACTION TO OAS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 7401

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS, SO FAR, LIMITED ITS COVERAGE OF OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT ON CHILE TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. ISSUE WAS TREATED AS STRAIGHT NEWS AND NOT GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY. (AYACUCHO MEETING HAS FORCED MOST OTHER NEWS INTO SECONDARY STATUS.)

2. ONLY EXCEPTION HAS BEEN COLUMN IN DECEMBER 10 EL TIEMP, NATIONALLY-CIRCULATED QUITO MORNING DAILY, BY REGULAR COLUMNIST JULIO PRADO VALLEJO. PRADO, A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, IS AN INFLUENTIAL AND WIDELY-READ INDEPENDENT COMMENTATOR WHOSE CONTINUING FONOFF CONTACTS GIVE HIM A RELIABLE INSIGHT INTO GOE THINKING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUES, WHICH HE FREQUENTLY REFLECTS. PRADO BEGINS BY NOTING THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY CRITICIZED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE CHILEAN JUNTA, BUT THAT THE CHARGES WERE DENIED AND ASCRIBED TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT ALLENDE'S SUCCESSORS. HE THEN GOES ON TO DEVOTE MOST OF HIS COLUMN TO VERBATIM QUOTE

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OF THAT PART OF REPORT DEALING WITH CONDITIONS IN "TRES

ALAMOS" PRISON, WHICH DETAILS VARIOUS PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURES EMPLOYED THERE, AND SUMMARIZES MISTREATMENT AT OTHER LOCALES. HE CONCLUDES WITH ONE-SENTENCE PARAGRAPH: "IS THERE ANYONE WHO DENIES THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS?".

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE OAS REPORT. IN VIEW OF THE GOE'S TENDENCY TO AVOID GRATUITOUS COMMENT ON EVENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY UNLESS THE ISSUE SHOULD UNEXPECTEDLY CATCH FIRE IN THE LCOAL MEDIA.  
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